

# Fall Foliage Photo Tips

Have you ever attempted to capture a stunning panoramic view only to be overwhelmed by the results produced by your camera or smartphone? Most of us have had this experience. Here are a few tips to help you up your photography game this fall. ([Don't forget to send us your best fall photo by noon November 5 for a chance to win \\$750 plus a framed print of your photo!](#))

## 1. The rule of thirds

Centered and/or symmetrically photos sometimes look static. Add visual interest by dividing your photo into thirds and placing the subject at one of the four resulting intersecting points.



"View from Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site." Photo by Allen Labulis.

## 2. Framing

Look for natural frames, such as a clearing through trees.



"Hiking Trail View, High Falls." Photo by Sydnie Paul.

## 3. Wait for the golden hour

Skilled photographers revere the quality of light during the hour or so before and after sunrise or sunset.



"Autumn Illuminated." Photo by Margaret Bauer.

## 4. Look for diagonals and leading lines

Bridges, roads, fences and rivers can create a sense of direction and movement.



"View From Fort Montgomery." Photo by Pierce Johnston.

## 5. Think about foreground, middleground, and background

Landscapes with depth tend to be more absorbing than those in which elements are all roughly the same distance away.



"View on Leaf Peeping Drive." Photo by Janice Trevail.